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AND WHICH CODES FOR A DELTA-6-DESATURASE, THE  
PRODUCTION THEREOF AND USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application, kindly enter the amendments and remarks shown below. An attachment entitled "VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE" is included with this paper showing the amendments made to the claims.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following paragraph on page 1 of the specification after the word "Description."

A<sup>1</sup> --This is a U.S. National Phase Application Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Applicants herewith claim the benefit of priority of PCT/EP00/08778 filed September 8, 2000, which